

## BASEBALL YARNS BY BILLY EVANS

Jack Murray was the unfortunate Giant. Batting fourth, he was regarded as the "cleanup man." But in six games he didn't get a safe one.

In the fifth game Coombs fanned eight men in five innings. Murray twice falling a victim of his benders. Murray paid Coombs a compliment in reply to a rabid New York fan.

"What's the matter, Murray, can't you even make a foul? Coombs must have a lot of stuff the way you're missing 'em."

"I'd like to see you up there," said Murray, with a laugh. "He has so much stuff his drop looks like a wild pitch."

Coombs did have a "lot of stuff." His drop broke a foot in the last few feet it traveled. Apparently about to cross the plate at the batter's eyes, it dropped fast and crossed the plate several inches below the shoulder.

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A tragedy occurred in the fourth game. Matthewson was pitching. He had won 2 to 1 over Bender and lost to Coombs, 3 to 2. A week's rest failed to put him back into shape and he was hit hard.

The Giants were carrying a fellow named Charles V. Faust. The "V" presumably stands for victory. Faust dreamed he would

pitch the Giants into a pennant. He couldn't pitch hay in a class Z league, but McGraw carried him as a mascot.

Faust amused the Giants in their nerve racking fight for the pennant. He did more things than any other man of 32 would do.

Late in the game McGraw decided to take out Mathewson and let Crandall hit. The score was 4 to 2. Crandall had warmed up and when it was announced he would bat, everyone wondered who would pitch. When the announcer finished, Faust left the Giant's bench and started for the spot where the pitchers had been warming up.

As he started, a voice as strong as the announcer's shouted: "Faust will pitch in place of Mathewson." It was a blow to Matty, being forced out of a world's series game for the first time. It was tragic, that Faust, the clown, should be announced as his successor.



Dr. Doty says he will clear the mosquitoes out of New York for \$1,000,000. The only reason Father Knickerbocker doesn't hand over the money is that he fears a lot more mosquitoes will drop in from New Jersey.

Peat is being utilized instead of coal for industrial purposes. If it proves as successful as anticipated, it will make Ireland extremely prosperous.

